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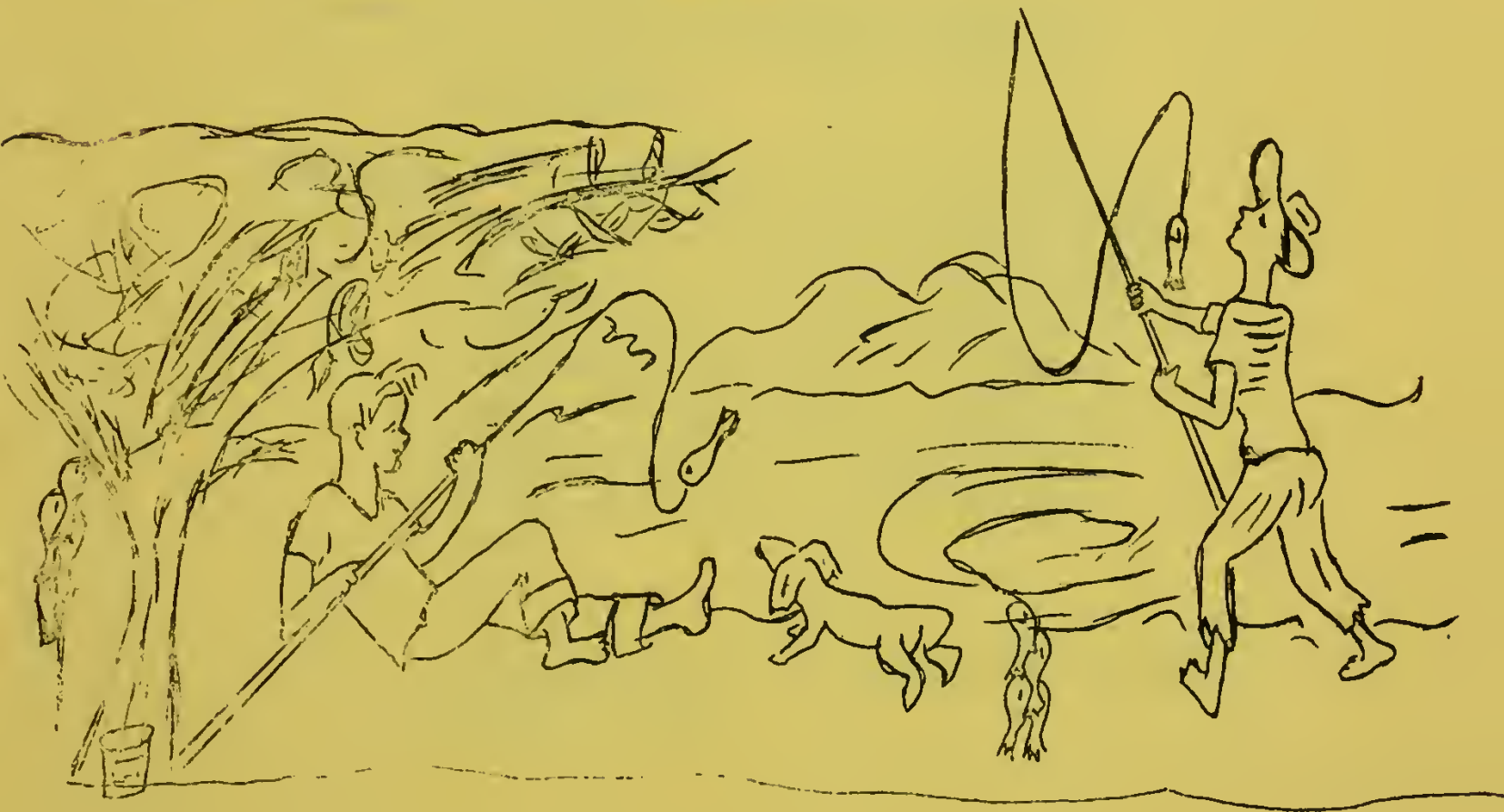
JUNE IS RECREATION MONTH

The following is a list of dates that each of the recreation and parks departments throughout the country will be proclaiming:

Youth Fitness Week	June 1-7
National Circus Week	June 1-7
Let's Play Golf Week	June 4-11
Family Recreation Week	June 8-14
National Flag Week	June 12-19
Recreation-And-The-Art Week	June 15-21
Father's Day	June 19
Recreation Through Service Week	June 22-30

The parks and recreation departments in Georgia wish to ask your cooperation in reporting the news about Recreation Month. We hope everyone will join in making that news by taking part in good leisure time activities. Even one new interest or insight gained can make this month one of the most important of our lives.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



PROCLAMATION

GEORGIA RECREATION MONTH

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: The citizens of this country are entering a decade which may well be the most important in man's history - a decade in which we will begin the travel into space; and

WHEREAS: The vitality of any civilization lies not only in its capacity for exploration outward, but also in its capacity for exploration of the powers of mind and spirit; and

WHEREAS: The new decade is bringing with it more leisure time for all - time to learn about ourselves and the resources here at home as well as time to learn more about the world of space; and

WHEREAS: This State is particularly fortunate to have so many leisure time facilities and opportunities for self development and discovery; now

THEREFORE: I, S. Ernest Vandiver, Governor of Georgia, do hereby proclaim the month of June, 1960 as "Georgia Recreation Month," and urge all the people to use this opportunity to find new worlds through recreation by enjoying our State's many available recreation facilities. I urge everyone to join with their friends and families to support our local recreation programs, to the end that we may all be happier and better citizens because of our wise use of our leisure time.

Signed by S. Ernest Vandiver, Governor of Georgia
on April 8, 1960.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE MONTH

Thanks to Mr. George Greene of Veterans Memorial Park for the following suggestions. Let Messrs. Carbine, McGarity and Scott (on their frequent trips to the different parks) carry an ample supply of all forms, stationery, folders, etc.

Also: Review all circular letters and bulletins which have been sent to us during the present administration; eliminate all provisions which do not apply any longer (as well as any duplications) and issue a composite form to cover the existing policies of procedure as outlined by the General Office.

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CONGRATULATIONS

To: Mr. George Sirmans for his new namesake. Mr. and Mrs. George Sirmans have a new baby boy, whose name is George Sirmans, Jr.

To: Miss Elizabeth Gunn for receiving her 20-year pin for service with the State. This award was made by Mr. H. D. Scrabble, Assistant to Director, Department of State Parks, at a Lions Club meeting during the month of May.

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HELPFUL HINT CORNER

Mr. Clay Morgan has found that by swabbing with creosote the top most area (about 6 inches) inside the garbage cans, insects and dogs do not disturb his cans.

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If anyone else has any "helpful hints", send them to us so that we may pass them on.

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JEFFERSON DAVIS

Jefferson Davis, President of the Southern Confederacy, was born June 3, 1808 in Todd County, Ky. Soldier, Statesman, member of the House and the Senate, he served as Secretary of War under Pres. Franklin Pierce.

Davis was captured after the fall of the Confederacy at Irwinville, Ga., site of our State Park.

For two years he was held at Fort Monroe, Va., released without trial in 1867, spent the rest of his life at his estate of Beauvoir, on the Gulf of Mexico, where he died in 1889.

Today, nine Southern States celebrate the birthday of the leader of the South.

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E. PLURIBUS UNUM

After the Declaration of Independence, Congress appointed Benjamin Franklin, Thomas Jefferson, and John Adams to design a Seal for the new republic. On June 20, 1782 their design for a "Great Seal" was adopted. Its motto, "E Pluribus Unum" means "Out of Many: One", for our great nation was formed by many little colonies and states.

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THE PEACH TREE

Did you know that the peach tree is related to the plum, the almond, and the rose families, and was first grown in China.

Early Spanish explorers brought the plant to America before 1630. It is the state flower of Delaware.

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PARK NEWS

LITTLE OCMULGEE Due to the accommodations at the Little Ocmulgee State Park and the pistol range near by at the Ocmulgee District Forestry Office, Chief Fire Investigator Bob Gore, Jr. of the Georgia Forestry Commission, along with the district fire investigators, a training session here for the third straight year.

The training session began at noon on May 17. The main training topics were administration, crime scene photography, search and seizure, Georgia Law, fingerprint investigation, and Standard F.B.I. Pistol Course.

The meeting was over at noon on May 20.

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The F. H. A. sponsored a Twirp Party at Little Ocmulgee State Park. About forty couples enjoyed the music of the juke box, the delicious refreshments, and the program planned by the F.H.A. girls. The girls were delighted to have their advisor, Mrs. Robert Arsenault and their chaperone, Mr. Robert Arsenault and Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Holmes present at the party.

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AMERICAN LEGION POST 80 MEETS AT STATE PARK FRIDAY

American Legion Post 80 held the regular meeting Friday night at the Little Ocmulgee State Park. A fish supper, mostly prepared by John Hall and Grady Weatherly was enjoyed by the large number present.

A rising vote of thanks was given to Lee Willcox, Superintendent of Little Ocmulgee State Park, and his assistant, Ewart Hinson, for their courtesy and cooperation in allowing the buildings and facilities of the park to be used by the post. Commander Barnes thanked them for the many kindnesses and favors

extended in the past to the post and the work of the Legion.

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GEORGIA VETS.-- On May 12 Mr. Abit Massey, Director of the State Department of Commerce made an address and installed newly elected officers of the Cordele Jaycees and Jaycettes at a dinner held at Georgia Veterans Memorial Park.

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The swimming pool at Georgia Vets. opened for the season on Saturday, May 7. Due to the unseasonal weather, very few people have taken advantage of the situation.

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The Junior and Senior classes of Vienna, Georgia held their annual banquet on May 6 at the Casino, at Georgia Vets.

Pitts High School held their Junior-Senior on May 13.

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For the past two years troops from the Tennessee National Guard Armory have utilized Red Top Mountain as a stop off site enroute to Fort Stewart, Georgia. A recent letter thanked the Georgia Department of State Parks for the use of this ideal spot and expressed appreciation for a relaxing time.

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Please send items of interest so that your Park will be recognized in the Park News column.

On May 19 Miss Rankin met with a special committee, The United Daughters of the Confederacy, in planning work for the beautifying of the Confederate Museum. Much progress was made, and by the end of the summer we will have, what we hope to be a very outstanding Confederate Museum. This building is being re-roofed, and the interior will be painted very soon.

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UNICOI PARK

With a new stove in the group camp, new diving board, new boats, newly sanded beach and many other improvements, it looks as though Unicoi Park will have an outstanding season.

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KOLOMOKI MOUNDS

Mr. Joe Mahan, Columbus Museum of Arts and Crafts, is cooperating with this department in designing a completely new museum at Kolomoki. In coordinating this work, we have already agreed to place eight wall cases with appropriate exhibits explaining the history of the American Indians. We hope to include background information such as explaining the cultures of the hunters, farmers, etc., at the same time we hope to give information about the life of the Kolomoki tribe.

This museum should be ready to be opened by the last of July.

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LIBERTY HALL

Plans are underway for the redecoration of Liberty Hall. Since it has been about 22 years since any work has been done on the interior of this beautiful old estate, this department is doing research so that the correct colors, wallpaper, etc., might be used in A. H. Stephens's home. A committee has been appointed by the U.D.C. to cooperate with the Parks Department.

11 SOUTHERN SCHOOLS SEND MEMBERS TO FORESTRY MEET

Pine Mountain, Ga. - Eleven Southern colleges and universities with forestry schools and departments were represented at the third annual conclave of southern forestry schools held at the Franklin D. Roosevelt State Park near Pine Mountain, Georgia. This year's conclave was sponsored by the Forestry Club, Department of Forestry, School of Agriculture, Auburn University.

Schools represented were. Arkansas A and M; Stephen F. Austin, Texas, North Carolina State; Clemson; University of Georgia; University of the South, Suwanee; Louisiana State University; Mississippi State University; University of Florida; Oklahoma University; and Auburn University. A total of 212 representatives of these schools and 13 guests registered.

Based on total points scored in 18 contests, the three top schools were: Arkansas A and M, first place; University of Georgia, second; and North Carolina State College, third.

W. B. DeVall, Forestry Department head, School of Agriculture, Auburn University, presented prizes to individual winners and representatives of winning schools at a banquet Saturday night.

Speaker at the banquet was Thomas Marshall, a graduate of L.S.U. and representative of the Gulf State Paper Company, Demopolis, who spoke on "Futures in Forestry".

At a business meeting following the banquet a constitution was adopted and a date and place set for the next conclave. The fourth annual conclave will be held in Florida with the University of Florida as host school.

WRITER ACCOMPANIES CENSUS LEADER TO COUNT OKEFENOKEE SWAMP FAMILY

"Aren't you going to count Pogo? He lives here too," the little girl told the census taker when she was interviewing the one family now remaining in the Okefenokee Swamp.

Four-year-old Vicki Sirmans told Mrs. Leon Wilson, II, Waycross District Office crew leader, this as she interviewed the swamp family on the front porch of their cabin on Jones Island. The child wanted her pet coons counted too.

The little girl's father, George Sirmans, native of the Okefenokee area, operates Stephen C. Foster State Park on the island, and the swamp critters made famous by Walt Kelly are real live playmates for Vicki.

Kelly's visit last week into the Okefenokee in connection with dedication of a road around the swamp had everyone talking about the philosopher-cartoonist.

They showed us the cabin where the artist stayed on Jones Island prior to going into the National Wildlife Refuge. This was his second visit to the habitat of his famous swamp critters. He loves the Swamp, he says.

The Sirmans love it. They don't mind being the only family living in the swamp. Sirmans, his wife and three children are content. They say they wouldn't live any place else.

"Look around, you'll see why", Sirmans said. He pointed to the wild beauty of Billy's Lake, the shimmering opaz-colored water with giant moss-draped cypress reflected in the stream, sweet with lilies and swamp orchids and jasmines. An alligator flopped lazily off a log, disturbed by fishermen.

A heron flapped its wings and sailed languidly over the horizon. "See what I mean? Your troubles just fly away down here." Sirmans is a philosopher, too.

His way of life is printed on one of those fishing plaques in the camp's office. The legend reads, "Since there is six times as much water as dry land on earth, any fool can plainly see the Good Lord meant for man to fish six times as much as he works."

The only troubles he says are man-made. "Like the hard time I had this year getting my children to school."

We remembered the case that aroused state-wide attention because of the near \$2,000 cost to transport Sirmans' two children to school by bus.

This was the problem. Jones Island is Charlton County, and as residents the Sirmans children would have to travel 9 miles (one way) each day to Folkston to school while Fargo School in Clinch County was only 20 miles away (one way).

The State Department of Education finally worked out a solution. Clinch pays \$25 a year to Sirmans to transport his children. Charlton provides \$200 and a surplus car.

The Waycross census taker, who has Ware and Charlton County, traveled to Homer-ville, and Fargo, to the island 94 mile away.

This situation makes Nancy, 8 and Barbara, 6, unusual census figures. Their house was one of the fourth, so now the government knows how a family lives, eats, sleeps and works in the "Land of the Trembling Earth."

Not all swamp creatures are named like the Pogo strip says, we learned. As we started to leave, the little girl called "Chester" and a coon came out of the palmettos and Hurrah bushes, dragging its leg. Another coon followed. Its name we asked. "Why Miss Kitty, natural." Guess Mat Dillon was scouting on Billy's Island.

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STUDENT'S COUNCIL SCHEDULED AT STEPHENS STATE PARK

The Macon-Augusta Presbytery is sponsoring a Student's Council to be held at Alexander Stephens Memorial Park the week of June 20-25, to which high school students, both boys and girls are invited to make application, according to information furnished The Journal by Elder E. W. DeArmon, who has the application blanks to be used.

It was stated that the council will have outstanding speakers who will conduct the conferences and who will supervise the boys and girls who attend.

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MORE BARGES SOUGHT FOR CLEARING LAKE

Representatives of the county commission and the power commission are currently negotiating for the purchase of additional barges to be used to clear Lake Blackshear of stumps and snags.

Don Sinclair, manager of the power commission, said that three or four more barges are needed in addition to the one secured on a successful bid last week. The county submitted bids on five barges at Albany, but was awarded only one.

Arrangements for shipping the barge to Cordele will be made as soon as negotiations for the other barges are completed, Sinclair said.

The barge secured by the county is a LVT-BC amphibious track tank, 25-feet long and 11-feet wide, weighing 37,540 pounds. An identical barge is now on display at Georgia Veterans Memorial State Park. It was given to the park by the U. S. Marine Corps Supply Center at Albany for display and historical purposes, and arrived there last Wednesday.

After the barge, or barges, arrive in Cordele, they will have to be cleaned, tuned, and equipped before work at the lake can begin, Sinclair said. This will be done at the shop at the power plant near Warwick.

The stumps and snags will be removed by an air-driven chain saw. This saw and compressor will be mounted on the front of each barge, so that they can be raised or lowered. The barge will canvass the lake, sawing off stumps by lowering the saw to the necessary depth under water.

The Clearing of the lake is a project undertaken for safety purposes by the county commissioners and the power commission.

Cordele Dispatch
May 5, 1960

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WHY PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION?

"Man does not live by bread alone," is a familiar quotation which pierces to the core of all personnel relationships. We should ask ourselves "What rewards does an employee seek to gain from his employment?" Important as his paycheck is to him, are there not, also, other, less tangible, but none the less substantial returns for which he likewise strives?

Do we ever wonder why so many of our most able and intelligent men are engaged in occupations of teaching, the ministry and science, where the material return for years of tireless preparation and training seem so low? Obviously, the answer does not lie in the mere desire to "make a living". Rather, it is more than just the physical necessities of life for which we all strive.

The mature worker takes pride in his work. He derives satisfaction from a job well done. He wants the respect, the esteem

and appreciation of his fellows, of his employer and employees and of the public. He does not want to lose himself in his work, but rather to find himself.

Personnel Administration is that part of our job in which we endeavor to assist the employee to find himself, to express his individuality, to grow, to develop a feeling of belonging to our organization. We must never fail to recognize that we owe him these compensations as surely as we owe him his paycheck.

We must constantly help each worker to learn to do his job better and more efficiently, encouraging him to further his skill and training, providing opportunities for in-service and outside study and assisting him to achieve further promotion and advancement. We must establish and maintain pleasant and healthy working conditions and congenial companionship. Courtesy and tact are as essential on the job as elsewhere. With successful Personnel Administration employees do not work for us but with us. Their attainment of success and happiness is clearly reflected in the success and progress of the organization which employs them.

Importance of Personnel Administration to the State Park Program:

The effectiveness with which the Division of State Parks does the job assigned to it depends to a very large extent upon the number and quality of its employees and the mature attitude of public service with which they accept the responsibilities of their work.

Planning, building, administering, operating and maintaining a system of state parks is work that requires trained, efficient personnel, experienced in their various positions and all working together to do a first-class job. It is essential that Division of State Parks personnel operate as a well coordinated team, co-operating with each other and with the public always in the spirit of friendliness, courtesy and service.

Personnel administration is the essential link between the employee and the organization which he is an integral part. It is the thoughtful coordination of the individual with his job. This does not mean simply a passive set of rules and regulations, but rather an active day by day human relationship, striving constantly to promote a better understanding and a better adjustment between the employee, his co-workers, and his work.

In the modern concept of business, great changes have taken place in the relationship between the employer and his employee. It is increasingly recognized by both that their aims and aspirations are closely entwined; that the policies and procedures best suited to the success of one also lie in the best interests of the other; and that, come what may, they will inevitably rise or fall together.

In recognition of the worth and dignity of its employees and of their essential position in the building of a better Georgia, the Division of State Parks lays great stress upon the equitable administration of its personnel policies. Sound procedures are established for the selection of well trained and capable workers. Classification and placement are accomplished through clearly defined job specifications and careful screening. A personal interest is taken in each employee by his supervisors and co-workers, to the end that he may derive a maximum of satisfaction from his employment and to strive continuously for self-improvement and promotion.

(North Carolina Adm. Manual)

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Mirth is like a flash of lightning that breaks through a gloom of clouds and glitters for a moment; cheerfulness keeps up a kind of daylight in the mind and fills it with a steady and perpetual serenity.

ATTENDANCE REPORT - APRIL, 1960

Maicalola Falls	-----	2,475
Black Rock Mountain	-----	971
Bobby Brown	-----	1,249
Chehaw	-----	2,300
Cloudland Canyon	-----	2,924
Crooked River	-----	5,407
Jeff Davis	-----	806
Fort Mountain	-----	11,600
Georgia Veterans	-----	23,425
Hard Labor	-----	6,988
Indian Springs	-----	4,995
Kolomoki	-----	7,500
Little Ocmulgee	-----	10,817
Magnolia Springs	-----	2,300
Red Top Mountain	-----	3,680
Roosevelt	-----	4,275
A. H. Stephens	-----	1,590
Vogel	-----	5,596
Unicoi	-----	2,766
Laura S. Walker	-----	7,836
Geo. W. Carver	-----	5,790
Stephen C. Foster	-----	1,434
Seminole	-----	1,125
Painbridge	-----	55,512
Elijah Clark	-----	12,438
Victoria Bryant	-----	5,014
Reidsville	-----	454
TOTAL		<u>191,267</u>
ALL TOTAL		194,317

NOT REPORTING:

Fort Yargo	-----	200
Senoia	-----	300
Yam Grande	-----	250
Fairchild	-----	500
Keg Creek	-----	800
Lincoln	-----	<u>1050</u>
TOTAL		3050
TOTAL ESTIMATE		
NOT REPORTED		3,050



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